MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 39.

(*b*) Sixteen suits were decreed against the Government and five were compromised.

Complaints against Income Tax Officers.

333. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) Have the merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha sent separate resolutions to the Government pointing out the hardships they are subjected to, owing to the arbitrary way in which income tax officers discharge their functions?

(*b*) Have the Government made any inquiries into the allegations contained in the resolutions of the traders of the Changanachery and Atirampuzha submitted to them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A report has been called for from the Income Tax Commissioner in both the cases.

Estimate of Taxable Income.

334. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Is it a fact that, in estimating taxable income, the income tax officers estimate it as varying from 5 to 10 per cent. of the capital outlay?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In cases where accounts are not properly kept or where the value of stock at the beginning and at the end of the year is not ascertainable, the collectors of income tax have to resort to the method of arriving at the profits at so much per cent. of the total turnover of the business. The percentage varies with the class of business and the place where it is carried on.

Entries made by Income Tax Officers in Account Books.

335. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Do the income tax officers make entries in the account books of traders to the effect that those books are not trustworthy?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that no instance of the kind has come to the notice of the Income Tax Commissioner.

Assessment of Income Tax from the Merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha.

336. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) How many assessees are there for the current year from among the merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha?

(*b*) What is the amount of tax sought to be realised from them?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of assessees whose account books were believed in and acted upon and the number of assessees whose books were not so believed in? In the latter

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